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Dear Sir:

Further to the Notice of Appeal filed January 5, 2007 and Notice of Panel Decision dated January 26, 2007, transmitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Amendment in reply to the Final Office Action of November 8, 2006 in the above-identified application.

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Respectfully submitted, MARTIN & FERRARO, LLP

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